



ECF Flier

October 2000

For more information on ECF, please visit us at: <http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov/ecf/ecf.htm>

Installment Payments of Filing Fees By Individual Debtors

We have modified the credit card authorization to allow for LBR 1006-1 Filing Fee Installment Payments to be charged to the credit card of the attorney representing an individual debtor. Since each individual debtor has agreed to make the installment payments, a specific direction from the debtor's attorney is necessary to debit his/her credit card account. This must be done by the installment payment due date so as to avoid dismissal of the case for failure to comply with the installment application required by LBR 1006-1.

A code has been added into ECF, which will allow attorneys to docket the "Request for Installment Fee Charge." This is a paperless event. It will enable attorneys to request that their credit card(s) be charged for the payment of filing fees in installments. The docket sheet will read: "I hereby authorize the Clerk's Office to debit my credit card, (authorization on file) in the amount of \$_____ for payment of the installment fees due".

This event will set a case flag so that the clerk's office will be notified to charge the appropriate amount to the attorney's credit card. **If this event is not docketed, and no payment has been made to the case, the case will be dismissed.**

Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association Seminar

The Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association Seminar will be held on Friday, December 1, 2000, at the Norfolk Airport Hilton. At the Bar Association's invitation, representatives from the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office will be present to demonstrate the Electronic Case Filing process and answer questions from the bar.

Survey Says!!

There are still a few more days to complete the on-line Electronic Case Filing Usage and Preparedness Survey (ECF Survey). This survey will be available on our website at [ECF Survey](#) through October 20th. By timely and fully completing this survey, you will assist the Court in determining how much advance notice our external customers may need before CM/ECF becomes mandatory.

Your comments are important to us! We thank you for taking your valuable time in completing this important survey.

Amended Pleadings On-Line Manual

In the September 2000 edition of the *ECF Flier*, we reported that the process of filing schedules, statements, and lists after the initial filing of a “skeleton” petition would be changed on October 1st. We have eliminated four codes and streamlined the process into one code “Schedule(s) and/or Statement(s), Lists”.

The Amended Pleadings module of the ECF on-line attorney training manual has been updated to reflect the change in event codes. You may access the manual by clicking on the following: [On-Line Training Manual](#).

ECF Filings Still on the Increase!

We are pleased to report that the number of ECF Filings are still on the increase. In the first nine months of calendar year 2000, 31.8% of the bankruptcy petition filings in the Eastern District of Virginia were filed electronically. We appreciate your increased participation in the system!

On page 4 of this newsletter, you will find a summary of ECF petition filings, by division, for the past year. We will continue to update this chart and attach it to the *ECF Flier* on a quarterly basis.

September 2000 ECF Statistics

Bankruptcy Adversary

Alexandria	118	3
Norfolk	223	2
Richmond	145	2
Newport News	266	5
District Total	752	12

Total ECF Cases filed in 2000	6334
Total ECF Cases filed in 1999	3539
Total ECF Cases filed in 1998	421
Total ECF Cases filed to date	10,294



Attorneys that went LIVE September 2000

Alexandria
John Pasierb
Joel Dahnke
Mark Taylor

Richmond
Robert A. Canfield
Paula Beran
Bruce Matson (attorney record)
Paul McCourt Curley
Byron W. Waters

Out of State
Sherri Dawn Lydell

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Norfolk - 12

Paul A. Driscoll
Richard Neal Butt
Douglas James Glenn
Peter M. Kubin
Glen W. Thompson
Lorin D. Hay
Peter F. Herrick
James M. Stafford
Carl E. Eason, Jr.
Clarence H. Brooks
Judith M. Floyd
Jeffrey C. Flax

Alexandria – 7

Joel Dahnke
Elizabeth Meares
John Pasierb
Mark Taylor
Jeffrey Parker
Katherine Levin
Jeremy Friedberg

Out of State – 1

William B. Sullivan

Total Number of Attorneys Trained - 360

Alexandria Training

All ECF training in Alexandria now is being conducted in the training room at the Clerk's Office. To reserve a seat at the next training session, please call:

Kathy Dragg (703) 258-1211
Evelyn Flowers (703) 258-1225

The next scheduled dates are: (all training begins at 9:30 a.m.)

November 8, 9, 14, 16, 21 & 29

ECF Information and Helpful Numbers:

[Click here to link to the Court Website](#)

ECF Help Desk: 1-888-271-8610

Questions? E-Mail us! [ECF Questions](#)

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**United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Virginia
Total Electronic Case Filings (ECF) By Division
1999 – YTD 2000**

<i>1999</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>	<i>Newport News</i>	<i>District Totals</i>
	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF
Jul	15.9%	4.5%	11.2%	6.2%	9.9%
Aug	17.6%	7.0%	15.3%	99.5%	19.9%
Sep	17.9%	5.3%	18.5%	99.6%	22.6%
Oct	16.0%	8.4%	18.1%	100.0%	24.6%
Nov	17.7%	9.0%	20.3%	99.6%	24.8%
Dec	20.1%	7.2%	23.2%	99.6%	25.6%
6 Mos. Totals	17.5%	6.9%	17.7%	81.9%	21.2%
<i>2000</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>	<i>Newport News</i>	<i>District Totals</i>
	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF
Jan	21.4%	9.0%	28.4%	99.0%	28.2%
Feb	15.7%	13.1%	23.4%	100.0%	27.1%
Mar	17.4%	12.9%	26.7%	99.7%	28.2%
Apr	17.9%	18.9%	23.5%	99.2%	29.7%
May	19.4%	14.4%	25.9%	100.0%	30.3%
Jun	25.0%	21.1%	34.7%	100.0%	36.7%
Jul	24.4%	17.8%	29.7%	98.8%	33.7%
Aug	23.6%	21.8%	34.9%	100.0%	35.4%
Sep	23.4%	23.8%	37.3%	100.0%	38.0%
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
YTD Totals	20.6%	16.9%	29.3%	99.7%	31.8%

*Note: In 1999, 28,304 petitions were filed for the Eastern District, of which 3,539 or 12.5% were ECF cases.
Thus far in 2000, ECF filings have increased to 31.8% for all bankruptcy petitions.*